

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Action/Discussion Item:**

Waiver of 702 KAR 5:060 section 6(2) requested by Ft. Thomas Independent School District

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.160, 702 KAR 5:060 section 6(2)

### **Action Question:**

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the request from Ft. Thomas Independent School District to waive the requirements of 702 KAR 5:060 section 6(2)?

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** School districts may transport children using appropriately certified common carriers to transport students to or from school-related events. The use of common carrier service shall be approved by the local board of education on a case-by-case basis and the justification cited in the board minutes.

Ft. Thomas Independent School District is requesting that the KBE waive 702 KAR 5:060 section 6(2). This would allow the local school board to have a one-time annual approval of all certificated common carriers to be used by the board for the entire school year. The local board approved making the waiver request at the April 20 meeting. A copy of the letter of this request is attached.

### **Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):**

Staff recommends the approval of the waiver of the regulation as presented. The approval of this waiver will assist the school district with efficiency in the area of transportation, which should result in increased time, energy and resources to focus on instructional activities. The waiver would not jeopardize student safety since all carriers would be approved.

### **Impact on Getting to Proficiency:**

Efficient transportation supports the learning of students.

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